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15 April 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

SUBJECT : Proposed Legislation (Security)

1. Attached is Security's answer to [redacted] memorandum on the subject of proposed legislation and another memorandum from Security to DD/S dated 21 March 1957 on a related topic.

2. In the first sentence of paragraph 3 of the memorandum to us, Colonel Edwards mentions having suggested to DD/S on 4 October 1956 that we seek authority for our own guard force. In his memorandum to the DD/S of 21 March he abandoned that suggestion.

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Office of General Counsel

Attachment

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General Counsel

DATE: 1. 10. 1957

FROM : Director of Security

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation

1. Reference is made to the memorandum dated 25 January 1957 from [ ] to the Chief, Policy Staff, Office of Security, on the matter of proposed legislation.

2. I have reviewed the various suggestions made and while, like [ ] I feel that some of the proposals may not be acceptable to the Congress, I do feel that they are worthy of consideration. I have no suggestions to make except to indicate that I prefer Alternative A of Section V over Alternative B.

3. In my memorandum of 4 October 1956 to the Acting Deputy Director (Support), I suggested that consideration be given to seeking authority for us to establish and maintain our own guard force. On further review of this I feel that even without that authority, consideration should be given at this time to making it more clear that we have authority to arm certain of our employees.

4. Section 6(d) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 authorizes us to issue firearms to couriers and guards engaged in transportation of confidential documents and materials affecting the National defense and security. As you know, we have a Security Patrol, members of which have been issued firearms under this authority. These persons, however, are not engaged in transportation of documents and materials. It is suggested, therefore, that we request a revision of Section 6(d) to insert the words "or protection" following "transportation." This would then read that firearms may be issued to the specified persons "when engaged in transportation or protection of confidential documents...."

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DIRECTOR OF SECURITY

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